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10 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
11 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
12 SAN JOSE DIVISION

13 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

14 Plaintiff,

15 v.

16 RAGINI VECHAM

17 a/k/a/ Ragini Vechman,

18 KISHORE PALLAPOTHU

19 a/k/a Krisha Kishore,

20 SATYANARAYANA TOTA,

21 HORIZON TECHNOLOGIES, INC.,

22 SOFTNET TECHNOLOGY

23 SOLUTIONS, INC.,

24 a/k/a Sonora Staffing,

25 RAMANA REDDY,

26 ROSE 23 HAYWARD LLC,

27 SAGE 20 HAYWARD LLC,

28 JASMINE 20 HAYWARD LLC,

TULIP 26 HAYWARD LLC, and

LILY 20 HAYWARD LLC,

Defendants.

CASE NO. CR 15-0427 BLF

**RECORDED NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF  
ACTION (LIS PENDENS) AS TO REAL  
PROPERTY LOCATED AT 27331-27371  
MANON AVENUE, HAYWARD, CA 94544  
(APNS 453-0060-015-04, 05, 06, 07, 08, 10, 13,  
AND 15, APNS 453-0060-016-03, 04, 05, 06, 08  
AND 10)**

1 The United States hereby submits the attached Recorded Notice of Lis Pendens as to Real  
2 Property and Improvements located at 27331-27371 Manon Avenue, Hayward, California 94544.  
3 (APNs 453-0060-015-04, 05, 06, 07, 08, 10, 13, AND 15, APNs 453-0060-016-03, 04, 05, 06, 08 AND  
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7 Dated: 9/25/15

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that she is an employee of the Office of the United States Attorney for the Northern District of California and is a person of such age and discretion to be competent to serve papers. The undersigned further certifies that she caused a copy of

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to be served this date via United States first class mail delivery upon the person(s) below at the place(s) and address(es) which is the last known address(es):

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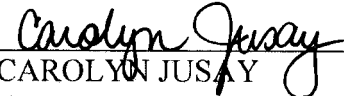
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Irving, TX 75063

Horizon Technologies  
1270 Oakmead Parkway, Suite 115  
Sunnyvale, CA 94085

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Executed this 25<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2015, at San Francisco, California

  
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
SAN JOSE DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

RAGINI VECHAM

a/k/a/ Ragini Vechman,

KISHORE PALLAPOTHU

a/k/a Krishna Kishore,

SATYANARAYANA TOTA,

HORIZON TECHNOLOGIES, INC.,

SOFTNET TECHNOLOGY

SOLUTIONS, INC.,

a/k/a Sonora Staffing,

RAMANA REDDY,

ROSE 23 HAYWARD LLC,

SAGE 20 HAYWARD LLC,

JASMINE 20 HAYWARD LLC,

TULIP 26 HAYWARD LLC, and

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1 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an action has been commenced in the above-entitled Court  
2 pursuant to an Indictment, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, filed by the United States of  
3 America on September 2, 2015, to secure a judicial forfeiture of real property and improvements  
4 located at 27331-27371 Manon Avenue, Hayward, California 94544 (APNs 453-0060-015-04, 05, 06,  
5 07, 08, 10, 13, AND 15, APNs 453-0060-016-03, 04, 05, 06, 08 AND 10), and further described in  
6 Exhibit B, which is attached hereto.

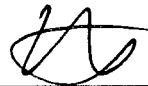
7 The plaintiff alleges that the said real property is subject to forfeiture pursuant to 18 U.S.C.  
8 § 981(a)(1)(C), 18 U.S.C. § 982(a)(1), 18 U.S.C. § (a)(2)(A), 18 U.S.C. § (a)(6)(A)(ii) and 28 U.S.C.  
9 § 2461(c).

10 The owners of record to the said real property are Kishore Pallapothu, Ragini Vecham and  
11 Jasmine 20 Hayward, LLC.

12 DATED: September 3, 2015

Respectfully submitted,

13 BRIAN J. STRETCH  
14 Acting United States Attorney



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16 DAVID B. COUNTRYMAN  
17 Assistant United States Attorney  
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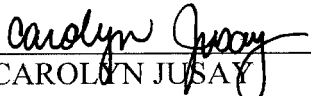
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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Executed this 3rd day of September, 2015, at San Francisco, California

  
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**EXHIBIT A**

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NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

SAN JOSE DIVISION

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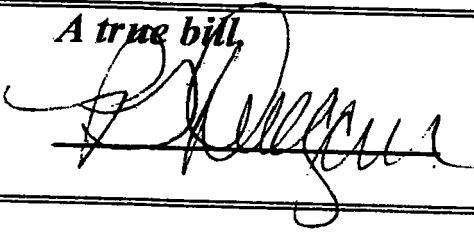
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INDICTMENT

See Attachment

A true bill



Foreperson

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UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Bail. \$ No Bail Arrest warrants for Vecham, Pallapothu, Tota, Reddy only

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**ATTACHMENT TO INDICTMENT COVER**

**U.S.  
v.  
RAGINI VECHAM, et al.**

**Count One** : 18 U.S.C. § 371 – Conspiracy to Commit Visa Fraud, Mail Fraud, Obstruction of Justice, Witness Tampering, and to Defraud the United States  
(Vecham, Pallapothu, Tota, Horizon, Softnet, Reddy, Rose, Sage, Jasmine, Tulip and Lily)

**Counts Two - Fourteen**: 18 U.S.C. § 1546(a) - Visa Fraud  
(Vecham and Pallapothu)

**Counts Fifteen – Twenty-seven**: 18 U.S.C. § 1341 - Mail Fraud,  
(Vecham and Pallapothu)

**Count Twenty-eight**: 18 U.S.C. § 1505 - Obstruction of Justice,  
(Pallapothu)

**Counts Twenty-nine and Thirty**: 18 U.S.C. § 1512(b)(3) - Witness Tampering  
(Pallapothu)

**Count Thirty-one**: 18 U.S.C. § 1505 – Obstruction of Justice  
(Tota)

**Count Thirty-two**: 18 U.S.C. § 1014 - Loan Fraud  
(Vecham, Pallapothu, and Rose 23 Hayward LLC)

**Count Thirty-three**: 18 U.S.C. § 1014 - Loan Fraud  
(Vecham, Pallapothu, and Sage 20 Hayward LLC)

**Count Thirty-four**: 18 U.S.C. § 1343 - Wire Fraud  
(Vecham, Pallapothu, Horizon, Softnet and Rose 23 Hayward LLC)

**Counts Thirty-five and Thirty-six:** 18 U.S.C. § 1957 - Money Laundering ("Proceeds")  
(Vecham, Pallapothu, Horizon, and Rose 23 Hayward  
LLC)

**Count Thirty-seven:** 18 U.S.C. § 1014 - Loan Fraud  
(Vecham, Pallapothu, and Jasmine 20 Hayward LLC)

**Count Thirty-eight:** 18 U.S.C. § 1014 - Loan Fraud  
(Vecham, Pallapothu, and Tulip 26 Hayward LLC)

**Count Thirty-nine:** 18 U.S.C. § 1014 - Loan Fraud  
(Vecham, Pallapothu, and Lily 20 Hayward LLC)

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

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RAGINI VECHAM  
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KISHORE PALLAPOTHU  
a/k/a Krishna Kishore,  
SATYANARAYANA TOTA,  
HORIZON TECHNOLOGIES, INC.,  
SOFTNET TECHNOLOGY  
SOLUTIONS, INC.,  
a/k/a Sonora Staffing,  
RAMANA REDDY,  
ROSE 23 HAYWARD LLC,  
SAGE 20 HAYWARD LLC,  
JASMINE 20 HAYWARD LLC,  
TULIP 26 HAYWARD LLC, and  
LILY 20 HAYWARD LLC,

Defendants.

No.

VIOLATIONS:

18 U.S.C. § 371 (Conspiracy to Commit Visa and Mail Fraud, Obstruction of Justice, Witness Tampering, and to Defraud the United States);  
18 U.S.C. § 1546 (Visa Fraud); 18 U.S.C. § 1341 (Mail Fraud); 18 U.S.C. § 1505 (Obstruction of Justice); 18 U.S.C. § 1512(b)(3) (Witness Tampering);  
18 U.S.C. § 1014 (Loan Fraud); 18 U.S.C. § 1343 (Wire Fraud); 18 U.S.C. § 1957 (Money Laundering);  
18 U.S.C. § 982(a)(6)(A)(ii) (Visa Fraud Forfeiture);  
18 U.S.C. § 981(a)(1)(C) and 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c) (Mail Fraud and Wire Fraud Forfeiture);  
18 U.S.C. § 982(a)(2)(A) (Loan Fraud Forfeiture)

SAN JOSE VENUE

INDICTMENT

The Grand Jury charges:

Introductory Allegations

At all times relevant to this Indictment, unless otherwise specified:

Relevant Individuals and Entities

1. RAGINI VECHAM a/k/a/ Ragini Vechman ("VECHAM") was a resident of Cupertino, California.
2. KISHORE PALLAPOTHU a/k/a Krishna Kishore ("PALLAPOTHU") was a resident of Cupertino, California.
3. HORIZON TECHNOLOGIES, INC., ("HORIZON") was a Wyoming Corporation formed in approximately August 2004, and registered with the California Secretary of State in July 2009, with its principal place of business in Sunnyvale, California. HORIZON had previously conducted business in California under the name "Horizon Systems" and "Horizon Systems, Inc." VECHAM and PALLAPOTHU were the founders, owners, shareholders and control persons with ultimate authority over of HORIZON.
4. VECHAM and PALLAPOTHU also owned or controlled other business entities affiliated with HORIZON, including Fortune Technologies, Inc., Alpine Systems, Inc., Elite Software, Inc., Teknisystems, AG Systems, Sysnet Technology Solutions, Inc., and MapleBlitz.
5. SATYANARAYANA TOTA ("TOTA") was a resident of Sunnyvale, California. At some time between 2007 and 2010, TOTA became an authorized representative of Atiric Software, Inc. ("Atiric"). On or about March 21, 2007, Atiric had been registered as a corporation with the State of California and identified VECHAM as its signing officer. Atiric's principal place of business was identified as the same address as a number of PALLAPOTHU and VECHAM-owned and controlled businesses. TOTA, PALLAPOTHU, and VECHAM shared a familial bond in that TOTA's wife was PALLAPOTHU's sister. On or about December 2, 2010, TOTA, on behalf of Atiric, filed papers with the State of California surrendering the right to transact business.
6. RAMANA REDDY was a resident of Sunnyvale, California, and did business in real estate under the name BVS.

7. SOFTNET TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS INC. a/k/a SONORA STAFFING ("SOFTNET") was incorporated in the State of Washington on or about July 8, 2013, with "Ragini Vechman" (defendant VECHAM) as its Treasurer. SOFTNET was owned and controlled by VECHAM and PALLAPOTHU.

8. ROSE 23 HAYWARD LLC ("ROSE") was a Wyoming limited liability company formed in October 2012, with its principal place of business in Buffalo, Wyoming, and a mailing address in San Jose, California. ROSE was owned and controlled by VECHAM and PALLAPOTHU.

9. SAGE 20 HAYWARD LLC ("SAGE") was a Wyoming limited liability company formed in April 2013, with its principal place of business in Buffalo, Wyoming, and a mailing address in San Jose, California. SAGE was owned and controlled by VECHAM and PALLAPOTHU.

10. JASMINE 20 HAYWARD LLC ("JASMINE") was a Wyoming limited liability company formed in July 2013, with its principal place of business in Buffalo, Wyoming, and a mailing address in San Jose, California. JASMINE was owned and controlled by VECHAM and PALLAPOTHU.

11. TULIP 26 HAYWARD LLC ("TULIP") was a Wyoming limited liability company formed in November 2013, with its principal place of business in Buffalo, Wyoming, and a mailing address in San Jose, California. TULIP was owned and controlled by VECHAM and PALLAPOTHU.

12. LILY 20 HAYWARD LLC ("LILY") was a Wyoming limited liability company formed in November 2013, with its principal place of business in Buffalo, Wyoming, and a mailing address in San Jose, California. LILY was owned and controlled by VECHAM and PALLAPOTHU.

#### The H-1B Visa Program

13. The Immigration and Nationality Act, Title 8, United States Code, Section 1101, controls and regulates several categories of foreign nationals who may be admitted to the United States on a temporary basis as a nonimmigrant.

14. The "H-1B Specialty (Professional) Workers" program allowed an employer to temporarily employ a foreign worker in the United States on a nonimmigrant basis in a "specialty occupation." A "specialty occupation" required the theoretical and practical application of a body of specialized knowledge and a bachelor's degree or the equivalent in the specific specialty. The

1 Employment and Training Administration (hereinafter "ETA") was an agency of the United States  
 2 established within the United States Department of Labor ("DOL") and empowered to administer the H-  
 3 1B program.

4 The H-1B Temporary Work Authorization

5 15. Each employer seeking to employ an H-1B nonimmigrant was required to submit  
 6 a completed Labor Certification Application (ETA Form 9035). The document, known as an "LCA,"  
 7 required the employer to make several attestations regarding the employer's responsibilities, confirming  
 8 the existence and duration of the temporary job position, including the wages, working conditions, and  
 9 benefits to be provided to the nonimmigrant.

10 16. Upon submission of the ETA Form 9035 and subsequent DOL certification, the employer  
 11 of an H-1B nonimmigrant worker was required to also then file a Form I-129, Petition for  
 12 Nonimmigrant Worker, with the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services ("USCIS"), a  
 13 component of the Department of Homeland Security ("DHS"), for the specific individual (the  
 14 beneficiary of the H-1B visa application process) hired in connection with the particular certification.

15 PALLAPOTHU and VECHAM Sponsored Hundreds of H-1B Applications

16 17. Since at least 2006, VECHAM and PALLAPOTHU, through HORIZON and the other  
 17 companies and entities under their direction and control, held themselves out as staffing specialists for  
 18 technology firms based in Santa Clara County and elsewhere seeking to fill temporary positions with  
 19 qualified H-1B independent contractors.

20 18. VECHAM and PALLAPOTHU were the founders, owners, shareholders and control  
 21 persons with ultimate authority over the activities of HORIZON, including the creation and submission  
 22 of H-1B Visa applications to the DOL, USCIS, DHS, and other agencies of the United States  
 23 Government, as well as the monies generated by HORIZON's operations, including the bank accounts  
 24 associated with or utilized by HORIZON, VECHAM, and PALLAPOTHU.

25 19. Beginning no later than 2006 and continuing through at least 2014, in the Northern  
 26 District of California and elsewhere, defendants VECHAM and PALLAPOTHU and their co-  
 27 conspirators and agents submitted hundreds of H-1B visa applications for temporary nonimmigrant  
 28 beneficiaries sponsored by HORIZON or their other affiliated companies. These applications required

1 the sponsor to represent to the United States, under penalty of perjury and criminal and civil penalties,  
 2 the true name, location, terms, and duration of the underlying employment position to be filled by the  
 3 stated beneficiary in each H-1B application.

4 20. Through their ownership, direction, and control of HORIZON and other affiliated  
 5 entities, VECHAM and PALLAPOTHU generated gross revenues in 2013 of between approximately  
 6 \$26 million and \$31 million, with estimated gross profits of between approximately \$5.2 million and  
 7 \$6.7 million.

#### 8 Summary of Criminal Conduct

9 21. Beginning in or about 2006 and continuing through 2015, defendants VECHAM and  
 10 PALLAPOTHU and others engaged in a series of overlapping and interlocking schemes to defraud the  
 11 United States, banks, lenders, and other entities and persons by:

- 12 • submitting fraudulent documents to DHS and DOL, among other executive agencies, in  
 13 connection with and support of H-1B petitions for temporary work authorizations;
- 14 • concealing their scheme and otherwise obstructing the United States' investigations into their  
 15 conduct by, among other manner and means, making false representations to federal officers,  
 16 tampering with witnesses, falsely representing a sale of all their interest in HORIZON, and  
 17 creating a series of LLCs concealing millions of dollars of HORIZON's profits and  
 18 converting them into commercial real estate holdings; and,
- 19 • funding their purchase of commercial real estate in part by means of fraudulent loan  
 20 applications to FDIC-insured lenders in excess of \$11 million.

#### 21 The Visa Fraud Scheme

22 22. VECHAM, PALLAPOTHU, TOTA, HORIZON and others submitted, and caused to be  
 23 submitted, fraudulent documents to the United States in connection with temporary H-1B petitions, in  
 24 order to create a pool of H-1B beneficiaries who could thereafter be placed at legitimate employment  
 25 positions in the Northern District of California and elsewhere, and in the process, gain an unfair  
 26 advantage over competing employment staffing firms.

27 23. As part of the scheme to defraud, VECHAM, PALLAPOTHU, TOTA, HORIZON, and  
 28 others, by means of the U.S. Mail and commercial common carrier, did submit and cause to be  
 submitted LCA (ETA Form 9035) and I-129 Forms, among other documents, containing false  
 representations and material omissions relating to, among other things, the purported nature and  
 existence of Atiric Software and the nature, existence and scope of the purported jobs at Atiric Software

1 and Company No. 1.

2 24. As part of the scheme to defraud beginning in approximately 2012, VECHAM and  
3 PALLAPOTHU, hired individuals for the purpose of executing LCA (ETA Form 9035) and I-129  
4 Forms, among other documents, that VECHAM and PALLAPOTHU knew to contain false  
5 representations and material omissions relating to, among other things, the term of employment relating  
6 to third-party contracts with Company No. 1.

7 25. As a further part of the scheme to defraud, VECHAM and PALLAPOTHU continued to  
8 control, direct, and operate HORIZON, which included control of the gross and net proceeds of its  
9 operations and its bank accounts, on and after their purported sale of HORIZON in 2011.

10 26. As a further part of the scheme to defraud after the purported sale of HORIZON,  
11 VECHAM and PALLAPOTHU continued to spend proceeds from HORIZON bank accounts under their  
12 exclusive control for their own personal expenses, including buying thousands of dollars of jewelry and  
13 paying tuition, fees, and donations to their children's private school.

14 27. As a further part of the scheme to defraud, VECHAM and PALLAPOTHU did create,  
15 control, and operate a series of LLCs, specifically ROSE, SAGE, JASMINE, TULIP, and LILY.

16 28. As a further part of the scheme to defraud, VECHAM and PALLAPOTHU thereafter  
17 wired and otherwise transferred millions of dollars from bank accounts under the name of HORIZON  
18 and SOFTNET, all of which were under their exclusive control, to bank accounts at Comerica Bank, a  
19 financial institution insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC"), held by the LLCs  
20 and under the exclusive control of VECHAM and PALLAPOTHU.

21 Concealment of the Visa Fraud Scheme

22 29. On or about November 2010, the USCIS, Office of Fraud Detection and National  
23 Security ("FDNS") referred its investigation into VECHAM, PALLAPOTHU, TOTA, and their  
24 affiliated companies, based on, among other things, their individual and collective roles in sponsoring  
25 and submitting fraudulent H-1B visa applications, to DHS' Homeland Security Investigations ("HSI").

26 30. On or about January 2011, HSI opened a criminal investigation of VECHAM,  
27 PALLAPOTHU, TOTA, and their affiliated companies, into possible visa fraud, mail fraud, wire fraud,  
28 and related charges.

31. On or about January 2011, the DOL's Office of Inspector General ("DOL/OIG") and Department of State's Diplomatic Security Service ("DSS") opened a criminal investigation into substantially similar matters. The HSI, DOL/OIG and DSS agreed to investigate collectively the matters relating to VECHAM, PALLAPOTHU, TOTA and their affiliated companies in regard to their respective roles in the sponsorship of H-1B visa applications as part of a joint investigation.

32. During the course of the investigations conducted by the FDNS, HSI, DOL/OIG, and DSS, the following matters, among others, were material to each:

- a. the authenticity, reliability, and accuracy of the information contained in the ETA 9035, I-129 and other documents contained in the applications for H-1B visas filed by VECHAM, PALLAPOTHU, TOTA, and HORIZON on or after 2006;
- b. the nature of the operations of Atiric Software on or after 2008; and,
- c. the individuals and entities with ownership, direction, and control of HORIZON at any time on or after 2009.

33. For the purpose of concealing the scheme, deceiving the United States, and otherwise obstructing the investigation, the defendants undertook, among other manner and means, the following steps:

- a. VECHAM, PALLAPOTHU, and TOTA knowingly and intentionally provided materially false, misleading, and evasive answers to the agencies about Atiric Software;
- b. PALLAPOTHU, HORIZON, and others contacted individuals who had fraudulently received H-1B visas in order to persuade them to give false and misleading statements to the criminal investigators and thereby tamper with, hinder, and impede the agencies' investigation;
- c. VECHAM and PALLAPOTHU created the false impression that they had sold all interest in HORIZON, even as they took steps to convert their ongoing profits from their continued ownership of HORIZON into commercial real estate and to conceal that ownership, and the ill-gotten gains therefrom, through the use of LLCs;
- d. VECHAM, PALLAPOTHU, REDDY, and others, did transmit and receive wired funds from HORIZON's accounts to REDDY's account for the purpose of funding a series of purported payroll checks in order to make it appear as though PALLAPOTHU was working as an employee of REDDY at BVS; and,
- e. REDDY then used those funds provided by VECHAM, PALLAPOTHU, and HORIZON to create a series of purported payroll checks and deposits payable to PALLAPOTHU. REDDY also supplied VECHAM and PALLAPOTHU with W-2 forms that VECHAM and PALLAPOTHU used to conceal their continued ownership and control of HORIZON.

The Loan Fraud Scheme

34. Having created and then funded the LLCs with funds from HORIZON's bank accounts, VECHAM and PALLAPOTHU proceeded to purchase commercial real estate in the form of large-scale apartment buildings, titled in the names of the LLCs, as well as a residential property adjacent to their own personal residence in Cupertino.

35. As a part of the scheme to defraud, VECHAM and PALLAPOTHU did apply for and obtain approximately \$11 million in commercial loans by falsely representing the sources of the funds for the down payment as well as their sources of income in loan applications to Chase Bank, a FDIC-insured financial institution, in order to finance the purchase of commercial property located in the Northern District of California.

36. As a further part of the scheme to defraud, VECHAM and PALLAPOTHU did direct approximately \$5 million to be wired from the Comerica bank accounts they controlled through LLCs to title companies in order to facilitate the purchase of commercial property located in the Northern District of California.

37. As a further part of the scheme to defraud, VECHAM and PALLAPOTHU did wire and otherwise transfer approximately \$940,000 in monies sourced from HORIZON and SOFTNET in connection with the purchase of residential property in Cupertino adjacent to their residence and titled in the name of an LLC under their exclusive control.

38. As a further part of the scheme to defraud, VECHAM and PALLAPOTHU by falsely representing the sources of the funds for the down payment as well as their sources of income in a loan application to a lender, did obtain a construction loan, for approximately \$450,000, and received such funds via means of wire communications, in connection with the residential property referenced in paragraph 37.

39. As a further part of the scheme to defraud, PALLAPOTHU thereafter transferred title in that residential property referenced in paragraph 37 from the LLC to PALLAPOTHU, after which PALLAPOTHU deposited approximately \$430,000 of those loan proceeds into a HORIZON account under the exclusive control of VECHAM and PALLAPOTHU at CITIBANK, an FDIC-insured financial institution.

COUNT 1: (18 U.S.C. § 371 – Conspiracy to Commit Visa Fraud, Mail Fraud, Obstruction of Justice, Witness Tampering, and to Defraud the United States)

40. Paragraphs 1 through 33 are realleged as if fully set forth herein.

41. Between in or about March 2009, and continuing through in or about June 2015, both dates being approximate and inclusive, in the Northern District of California, and elsewhere, the defendants,

RAGINI VECHAM, a/k/a/ Ragini Vechman,  
KISHORE PALLAPOTHU, a/k/a Krishna Kishore,  
SATYANARAYANA TOTA,  
HORIZON TECHNOLOGIES, INC.,  
SOFTNET TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS, INC., a/k/a Sonora Staffing,  
RAMANA REDDY,  
ROSE 23 HAYWARD LLC,  
SAGE 20 HAYWARD LLC,  
JASMINE 20 HAYWARD LLC,  
TULIP 26 HAYWARD LLC, and  
LILY 20 HAYWARD LLC,

and others, did knowingly and intentionally conspire to commit offenses against the United States, namely to:

- knowingly obtain and receive a nonimmigrant visa, alien registration receipt card, and other document prescribed by statute and regulation for entry into and as evidence of authorized stay and employment in the United States, knowing it to have been procured by means of a false claim and statement, and to have been otherwise procured by fraud and unlawfully obtained, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1546(a);
- having devised and intending to devise a material scheme and artifice to defraud, and for obtaining money and property by means of materially false and fraudulent pretenses, representations, promises, and material omissions, for the purpose of executing such scheme and artifice and attempting to do so, place in a post office and authorized depository for mail matter, matters and things to be sent and delivered by the Postal Service, and deposited and caused to be deposited matters and things sent and delivered by private or commercial interstate carrier, and took and received therefrom, such matters and things, and knowingly caused to be delivered by mail and such carrier according to the direction thereon, and at the place at which it is directed to be delivered by the person to whom it is addressed, such matters and things, including by making false representations and material omissions about, among other things, the purported nature and existence of Atiric Software and the nature, existence and scope of the purported jobs at Atiric Software and Company No. 1., in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1341;
- unlawfully, willfully, and knowingly, corruptly influence, obstruct, and impede, and endeavored to corruptly influence, obstruct, and impede, the proper and due administration of law under which a pending proceeding was being had before a department or agency of the United States, to wit, DHS, DOL, and DSS, and their respective investigations into visa fraud as well as other violations of federal criminal laws relating to the application for H-1B temporary visas and the ownership, control and operations of HORIZON, by, among other manner and means, making false representations and material omissions about, among other things, Atiric Software, as well as contacting beneficiaries in order to persuade them to

provide to provide false and misleading information to federal law enforcement agents, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1505; and

- knowingly and corruptly persuade and otherwise engage in misleading conduct toward beneficiaries by, among other manner and means, advising the beneficiaries how to falsely answer questions from federal law enforcement agents about Atiric Software as well as requesting them to sign fraudulent timesheets relating to their purported job at Atiric, with the intent to hinder, delay, and prevent their communication to agents from DHS, DOL, and DSS, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1512(b)(3);

and did conspire to defraud the United States through deceit, craft, trickery, and dishonest means for the purpose of attempting to defeat and obstruct the lawful functions of the DHS, DOL, DSS, and FDNS, in the oversight and enforcement of the laws relating to immigration and other federal criminal laws and regulations.

#### Overt Acts

42. In furtherance of the conspiracy and to affect the objects thereof, the following overt acts were committed in the Northern District of California and elsewhere:

- a. On or about March 24, 2009, Elite Software submitted to the United States, via United States Mail, an I-129 application, signed by PALLAPOTHU, for beneficiary MP that included, among other documents, a fraudulent purchase order with Atiric Software signed by TOTA;
- b. On or about September 5, 2009, Alpine Systems submitted to the United States, via commercial carrier, an I-129 application, signed by PALLAPOTHU, for beneficiary NL that included, among other documents, a fraudulent purchase order with Atiric Software signed by TOTA;
- c. On or about October 8, 2009, Alpine Systems submitted to the United States, via commercial carrier, an I-129 application, signed by PALLAPOTHU, for beneficiary SN that included, among other documents, a fraudulent purchase order with Atiric Software signed by TOTA;
- d. On or about November 20, 2009, Elite Software submitted to the United States, via commercial carrier, an I-129 application, signed by PALLAPOTHU, for beneficiary KP that included, among other documents, a fraudulent purchase order with Atiric Software signed by TOTA;
- e. On or about December 9, 2009, HORIZON submitted to the United States, via United States Mail, an I-129 application, signed by PALLAPOTHU, for beneficiary MK that included, among other documents, a fraudulent purchase order with Atiric Software signed by TOTA;
- f. On or about February 8, 2010, Fortune Technologies submitted to the United States, via United States Mail, an I-129 application, signed by PALLAPOTHU, for beneficiary UB that included, among other documents, a fraudulent purchase order with Atiric Software signed by TOTA;

- 1 g. On or about February 9, 2010, Alpine Systems submitted to the United States, via United  
2 States Mail, an I-129 application, signed by PALLAPOTHU, for beneficiary NN that  
3 included, among other documents, a fraudulent purchase order with Atiric Software  
4 signed by TOTA;
- 5 h. On or about March 4, 2010, Elite Software submitted to the United States, via  
6 commercial carrier, an I-129 application, signed by PALLAPOTHU, for beneficiary LT  
7 that included, among other documents, a fraudulent purchase order with Atiric Software  
8 signed by TOTA;
- 9 i. On or about March 15, 2010, Alpine Systems submitted to the United States, via  
10 commercial carrier, an I-129 application, signed by PALLAPOTHU, for beneficiary SS  
11 that included, among other documents, a fraudulent purchase order with Atiric Software  
12 signed by TOTA;
- 13 j. On or about March 23, 2010, Alpine Systems submitted to the United States, via  
14 commercial carrier, an I-129 application, signed by PALLAPOTHU, for beneficiary PV  
15 that included, among other documents, a fraudulent purchase order with Atiric Software  
16 signed by TOTA;
- 17 k. On or about October 7, 2011, HORIZON submitted to the United States, via commercial  
18 carrier, an I-129 application, for beneficiary SS that included, among other documents, an  
19 altered task order with Company No. 1;
- 20 l. On or about May 30, 2012, PALLAPOTHU communicated with beneficiary LT to advise  
21 LT to review an email to assist LT in falsely answering questions from federal law  
22 enforcement agents about Atiric Software;
- 23 m. On or about May 31, 2012, PALLAPOTHU communicated with beneficiary MP to  
24 advise MP how to provide false information to questions from federal law enforcement  
25 agents about Atiric Software and to sign fraudulent timesheets relating to MP's purported  
26 job at Atiric Software and return such documents to PALLAPOTHU;
- 27 n. On or about June 1, 2012, TOTA made false representations to DHS, DOL, and DSS, in  
28 connection with their respective investigations into visa fraud as well as other violations  
of federal criminal laws; that Atiric Software was a legitimate business with a legitimate  
need for H1-B beneficiaries; that Atiric Software had made legitimate offers of  
employment in connection with beneficiaries PV, MP, and LT; and that beneficiaries PV,  
MP, and LT had worked for Atiric Software after having been granted H1-B visas;
- o. On or about July 6, 2012, a \$20,000 wire transfer from HORIZON Citibank Account  
9491 to REDDY's Wells Fargo Bank Account 0503;
- p. On or about July 10, 2012, HORIZON, VECHAM, and PALLAPOTHU submitted and  
caused to be submitted to United States a fraudulent IRS Form 8949 recording a sale of  
all interest of VECHAM and PALLAPOTHU's interest in HORIZON for approximately  
\$240,661;
- q. On or about July 16, 2012, a check in the amount of \$13,234 from REDDY to  
PALLAPOTHU with the notation "July 2012 pay";
- r. On or about August 18, 2012, a HORIZON Chase Account 6811 Check No. 2730, signed  
by PALLAPOTHU, payable to North American Title, in the amount of \$20,000 in  
connection with the purchase of 29125 Dixon, Hayward, California;

- s. On or about October 19, 2012, HORIZON submitted to the United States, via United States Mail, an I-129 application, for beneficiary NY that included, among other documents, an altered task order with Company No. 1;
- t. On or about October 23, 2012, HORIZON submitted to the United States, via United States Mail, an I-129 application, for beneficiary SS that included, among other documents, an altered task order with Company No. 1;
- u. On or about February 6, 2013, a \$20,000 wire transfer from HORIZON Citibank Account 9491 to REDDY's Wells Fargo Bank Account 0503;
- v. On or about February 8, 2013, a check in the amount of \$12,265.62 from REDDY to PALLAPOTHU with the notation "Jan 2013";
- w. On or about March 3, 2013, a HORIZON Citibank Account 9491 Check No. 31203, signed by VECHAM, payable to Eurostar Belgium, Inc., in the amount of \$7,500;
- x. On or about March 3, 2013, a HORIZON Citibank Account 9491 Check No. 31204, signed by VECHAM, payable to Eurostar Belgium, Inc., in the amount of \$8,000;
- y. On or about March 26, 2013, a HORIZON Citibank Account 9491 Check No. 31208, signed by VECHAM, payable to Chicago Title, in the amount of \$30,000 in connection with the purchase of 10576 Johnson Avenue, Cupertino, California;
- z. On or about March 28, 2013, HORIZON submitted to the United States, via United States Mail, an I-129 application, for beneficiary AP that included, among other documents, an altered task order with Company No. 1;
- aa. On or about April 1, 2013, a HORIZON Citibank Account 9491 Check No. 30699, signed by VECHAM, payable to School No. 1, in the amount of \$26,000;
- bb. On or about April 10, 2013, \$99,860 wire transfer from SOFTNET US Bank Account 1249 to ROSE 23 HAYWARD LLC Comerica Account 1944;
- cc. On or about April 10, 2013, \$98,460 wire transfer from SOFTNET US Bank Account 1249 to ROSE 23 HAYWARD LLC Comerica Account 1944;
- dd. On or about April 10, 2013, \$95,023 wire transfer from SOFTNET US Bank Account 1249 to ROSE 23 HAYWARD LLC Comerica Account 1944;
- ee. On or about April 12, 2013, a ROSE 23 HAYWARD LLC Comerica Account 1944 Check No. 56790, signed by VECHAM, payable to First American Title, in the amount of \$50,000 in connection with the purchase of 27435 Manon, Hayward, California;
- ff. On or about July 31, 2013, HORIZON Citibank Account 9491 Checks No. 31286 and 31287, signed by VECHAM, payable to JASMINE 20 HAYWARD LLC Comerica Account 1985, in the total amount of \$57,688, in connection with the purchase of 27331-27371 Manon, Hayward, California;
- gg. On or about August 1, 2013, a HORIZON Citibank Account 9491 Check No. 31288, signed by VECHAM, payable to JASMINE 20 HAYWARD LLC Comerica Account 1985, in the total amount of \$21,000, in connection with the purchase of 27331-27371 Manon, Hayward, California;

- 1       hh.    On or about October 30, 2013, a HORIZON Citibank Account 9491 Check No. 31346,  
2       signed by VECHAM, payable to Old Republic Title, in the amount of \$40,000, in  
3       connection with the purchase of 280 Flint Ct, San Lorenzo, California;  
4       ii.    On or about December 6, 2013, a HORIZON Citibank Account 9491 Check No. 31372,  
5       signed by VECHAM, payable to Santa Clara County Tax Collector, in the amount of  
6       \$8,735;  
7       jj.    On or about December 16, 2013, a JASMINE 20 HAYWARD LLC Comerica Account  
8       1985 upon written request by VECHAM, transferred to LILY 20 HAYWARD LLC  
9       Comerica Account 9748, the amount of \$50,000, in connection with the purchase of  
10      27405 Manon, Hayward, California;  
11      kk.    On or about January 18, 2014, a HORIZON Citibank Account 9491 Check No. 31385,  
12      signed by VECHAM, payable to Eurostar Belgium, Inc., in the amount of \$12,050;  
13      ll.    On or about March 21, 2014, a \$20,000 wire transfer from HORIZON Citibank Account  
14      9491 to REDDY's Wells Fargo Bank Account 0503; and,  
15      mm.    On or about April 1, 2014, a check in the amount of \$12,229.63 from REDDY to  
16      PALLAPOTHU with the notation "Apr 2014 pay."

17      All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 371.

18      COUNTS 2 THROUGH 14: (18 U.S.C. §1546(a) – Visa Fraud)

19      43.    The factual allegations of paragraphs 1 through 33 are realleged as if fully set  
20      forth herein.

21      44.    On or about the dates listed in table below, such dates being approximate, in the Northern  
22      District of California and elsewhere, the defendants,

23                               RAGINI VECHAM, a/k/a/ Ragini Vechman,  
24                               and  
25                               KISHORE PALLAPOTHU, a/k/a Krishna Kishore,

26      did knowingly obtain and receive a nonimmigrant visa, alien registration receipt card, and other  
27      document prescribed by statute and regulation for entry into and as evidence of authorized stay and  
28      employment in the United States, knowing it to have been procured by means of a false claim and  
statement, and to have been otherwise procured by fraud and unlawfully obtained, to wit, by means of  
false representations and material omissions about, among other things, the purported nature and  
existence of Atiric Software and the nature, existence and scope of the purported jobs at Atiric Software  
and Company No. 1, for the purpose of illegitimately acquiring H-1B visas:

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<u>Count</u>	<u>Approximate Date</u>	<u>Document</u>	<u>Visa Beneficiary</u>
2	9/5/2009	I-129	NL
3	3/31/2009	I-129	KP
4	10/8/2009	I-129	SN
5	12/9/2009	I-129	MK
6	2/8/2010	I-129	UB
7	2/9/2010	I-129	NN
8	3/4/2010	I-129	LT
9	3/15/2010	I-129	SS
10	3/23/2010	I-129	PV
11	10/7/2011	I-129	SS
12	10/19/2012	I-129	NY
13	10/23/2012	I-129	SS
14	3/28/2013	I-129	AP

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1546(a).

COUNTS 15 to 27: (18 U.S.C. § 1341 – Mail Fraud)

45. The factual allegations of paragraphs 1 through 33 are realleged as if fully set forth herein.

46. On or about the dates listed in table below, such dates being approximate, in the Northern District of California and elsewhere, the defendants,

RAGINI VECHAM, a/k/a/ Ragini Vechman,  
and  
KISHORE PALLAPOTHU, a/k/a Krishna Kishore,

having devised and intending to devise a material scheme and artifice to defraud, and for obtaining money and property by means of materially false and fraudulent pretenses, representations, promises, and material omissions, for the purpose of executing such scheme and artifice and attempting to do so, placed in a post office and authorized depository for mail matter, matters and things to be sent and delivered by the Postal Service, and deposited and caused to be deposited matters and things sent and

delivered by private or commercial interstate carrier, and took and received therefrom, such matters and things, and knowingly caused to be delivered by mail and such carrier according to the direction thereon, and at the place at which it was directed to be delivered by the person to whom it is addressed, such matters and things, including by making false representations and material omissions about, among other things, the purported nature and existence of Atiric Software and the nature, existence and scope of the purported jobs at Atiric Software and Company No. 1, for the purpose of illegitimately acquiring H-1B visas:

COUNT	APPROXIMATE DATE	DESCRIPTION OF THE MAILING
15	9/5/2009	I-129 Application and Supporting Documents for NL
16	3/31/2009	I-129 Application and Supporting Documents for KP
17	10/8/2009	I-129 Application and Supporting Documents for SN
18	12/9/2009	I-129 Application and Supporting Documents for MK
19	2/8/2010	I-129 Application and Supporting Documents for UB
20	2/9/2010	I-129 Application and Supporting Documents for NN
21	3/4/2010	I-129 Application and Supporting Document for LT
22	3/15/2010	I-129 Application and Supporting Document for SS
23	3/23/2010	I-129 Application and Supporting Document for PV
24	10/7/2011	I-129 Application and Supporting Document for SS
25	10/19/2012	I-129 Application and Supporting Document for NY
26	10/23/2012	I-129 Application and Supporting Document for SS
27	3/28/2013	I-129 Application and Supporting Document for AP

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1341.

**COUNT 28:** (18 U.S.C. § 1505 – Obstruction of Justice)

47. The factual allegations of paragraphs 1 through 33 are realleged as if fully set forth herein.

48. Between on or about May 30, 2012, and on or about May 31, 2012, in the Northern

District of California, the defendant,

KISHORE PALLAPOTHU, a/k/a Krishna Kishore,  
unlawfully, willfully, and knowingly, corruptly influenced, obstructed, and impeded, and endeavored to corruptly influence, obstruct, and impede, the proper and due administration of the law under which a pending proceeding was being had before a department or agency of the United States, to wit, DHS, DOL, and DSS and their respective investigations into visa fraud as well as other violations of federal criminal laws relating to the application for H-1B temporary visas and the ownership, control and operations of HORIZON in part, by contacting beneficiaries, including LT and MP, to persuade them to provide to provide false and misleading information to federal law enforcement agents.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1505.

COUNT 29: (18 U.S.C. § 1512(b)(3) – Witness Tampering)

49. The factual allegations of paragraphs 1 through 33 are realleged as if fully set forth herein.

50. On or about May 30, 2012, in the Northern District of California, the defendant,  
KISHORE PALLAPOTHU, a/k/a Krishna Kishore,  
did knowingly and corruptly persuade and otherwise engage in misleading conduct toward beneficiary LT by advising LT to review a forthcoming email that would assist LT in falsely answering questions from federal law enforcement agents about Atiric Software, with the intent to hinder, delay, and prevent LT's communication to agents from DHS, DOL, and DSS, relating to the commission of violation of federal criminal laws relating to LT's application for an H-1B temporary visa.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1512(b)(3).

COUNT 30: (18 U.S.C. § 1512(b)(3) – Witness Tampering)

51. The factual allegations of paragraphs 1 through 33 are realleged as if fully set forth herein.

52. On or about May 31, 2012, in the Northern District of California, the defendant,  
KISHORE PALLAPOTHU, a/k/a Krishna Kishore,  
did knowingly and corruptly persuade and otherwise engage in misleading conduct toward beneficiary MP by advising MP how to provide false information to questions from federal law enforcement agents

1 about Atiric Software and directing MP to sign fraudulent timesheets relating to MP's purported job at  
 2 Atiric and return them to PALLAPOTHU, with the intent to hinder, delay, and prevent MP's  
 3 communication to agents from DHS, DOL, and DSS, relating to the commission of violation of federal  
 4 criminal laws relating to LT's application for an H-1B temporary visa.

5 All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1512(b)(3).

6 COUNT 31: (18 U.S.C. § 1505 – Obstruction of Justice)

7 53. The factual allegations of paragraphs 1 through 33 are realleged as if fully set forth  
 8 herein.

9 54. On or about June 1, 2012, in the Northern District of California, the defendant,  
 10 SATYANARAYANA TOTA,  
 11 unlawfully, willfully, and knowingly, corruptly influenced, obstructed, and impeded, and endeavored to  
 12 corruptly influence, obstruct, and impede, the proper and due administration of the law under which a  
 13 pending proceeding was being had before a department or agency of the United States, to wit, DHS,  
 14 DOL, and DSS and their respective investigations into visa fraud as well as other violations of federal  
 15 criminal laws relating to the application for H-1B temporary visas and the ownership, control and  
 16 operations of HORIZON in part, by falsely representing that:

- 17 a. Atiric Software was a legitimate business with a legitimate need for H-1B beneficiaries;
- 18 b. Atiric Software had made a legitimate offer of employment in connection with HORIZON's  
 19 I-129 applications for beneficiaries PV, MP and LT; and,
- 20 c. Beneficiaries PV, MP, and LT had, in fact, worked for Atiric Software after having been  
 granted H-1B visas.

21 All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1505.

22 COUNT 32: (18 U.S.C. § 1014 – Loan Fraud)

23 55. The factual allegations of paragraphs 1 through 39 are realleged as if fully set forth  
 24 herein.

25 56. In or about October 2012, in the Northern District of California and elsewhere, the  
 26 defendants,

27 RAGINI VECHAM a/k/a/ Ragini Vechman,  
 28 KISHORE PALLAPOTHU, a/k/a Krishna Kishore, and

ROSE 23 HAYWARD LLC,

did knowingly make and cause to be made false statements, and did knowingly submit and cause to be submitted false and fraudulent documents, falsely representing the sources of the funds for the down payment as well as the sources of income in loan applications, for the purpose of influencing the actions of Chase Bank, a financial institution insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and did aid and abet in the same, in connection with the purchase of the property located at 29125 Dixon, Hayward, California.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1014.

COUNT 33: (18 U.S.C. § 1014 – Loan Fraud)

57. The factual allegations of paragraphs 1 through 39 are realleged as if fully set forth herein.

58. In or about April 2013, in the Northern District of California and elsewhere, the defendants,

RAGINI VECHAM a/k/a/ Ragini Vechman,  
KISHORE PALLAPOTHU, a/k/a Krishna Kishore, and  
SAGE 20 HAYWARD LLC,

did knowingly make and cause to be made false statements, and did knowingly submit and cause to be submitted false and fraudulent documents, falsely representing the sources of the funds for the down payment as well as the sources of income in loan applications, for the purpose of influencing the actions of Chase Bank, a financial institution insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and did aid and abet in the same, in connection with the purchase of the property located at 27435 Manon, Hayward, California.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1014.

COUNT 34: (18 U.S.C. § 1343 – Wire Fraud)

59. The factual allegations of paragraphs 1 through 39 are realleged as if fully set forth herein.

60. On or about May 1, 2013, in the Northern District of California and elsewhere, the defendants,

RAGINI VECHAM, a/k/a/ Ragini Vechman,  
KISHORE PALLAPOTHU, a/k/a Krishna Kishore,

HORIZON TECHNOLOGIES, INC.,  
SOFTNET TECHNOLOGYSOLUTIONS, INC., a/k/a Sonora Staffing, and  
ROSE 23 HAYWARD LLC,

having knowingly and intentionally devised a material scheme and artifice to defraud and to obtain money and property by means of materially false and fraudulent pretenses, representations, promises, and material omissions, for the purpose of executing such a scheme and artifice and attempting to do so, did knowingly cause to be transmitted in interstate commerce and foreign commerce the following wire communications, containing false representations about the sources of the funds for the down payment as well as the sources of income, specifically the loan application and supporting documents transmitted to lender EF Foley in connection with a \$450,000 construction loan for a property located at 10576 Johnson in Cupertino, California.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1343.

COUNTS 35 AND 36: (18 U.S.C. § 1957 – Money Laundering)

61. The factual allegations of paragraphs 1 through 39 are realleged as if fully set forth herein.

62. On or about the dates listed in table below, such dates being approximate, in the Northern District of California and elsewhere, the defendants,

RAGINI VECHAM, a/k/a/ Ragini Vechman,  
KISHORE PALLAPOTHU, a/k/a Krishna Kishore,  
HORIZON TECHNOLOGIES, INC., and  
ROSE 23 HAYWARD LLC,

did knowingly engage in the following monetary transactions, in and affecting interstate or foreign commerce, which involved the proceeds of specified unlawful activity, to wit: wire fraud, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1343, while knowing that the property involved in the financial transactions represented the proceeds of some form of unlawful activity, as follows:

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COUNT	APPROX. DATE	DESCRIPTION
35	5/30/2013	\$433,150 Wire Transfer from EF Foley to Chicago Title, representing proceeds of construction loan funded by EF Foley lender for the 10576 Johnson Property
36	5/31/2013	\$430,000 Check from Chicago Title made payable to Kishore Pallapothu and deposited into HORIZON Citibank Account 9491

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, § 1957.

COUNT 37: (18 U.S.C. § 1014 – Loan Fraud)

63. The factual allegations of paragraphs 1 through 39 are realleged as if fully set forth herein.

64. In or about July 2013, in the Northern District of California and elsewhere, the defendants,

RAGINI VECHAM a/k/a/ Ragini Vechman,  
KISHORE PALLAPOTHU, a/k/a Krishna Kishore, and  
JASMINE 20 HAYWARD LLC,

did knowingly make and cause to be made false statements, and did knowingly submit and cause to be submitted false and fraudulent documents, falsely representing the sources of the funds for the down payment as well as the sources of income in loan applications, for the purpose of influencing the actions of Chase Bank, a financial institution insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and did aid and abet in the same, in connection with the purchase of the property located at 27331-71 Manon, Hayward, California.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1014.

COUNT 38: (18 U.S.C. § 1014 – Loan Fraud)

65. The factual allegations of paragraphs 1 through 39 are realleged as if fully set forth herein.

66. In or about November 2013, in the Northern District of California and elsewhere, the defendants,

RAGINI VECHAM a/k/a/ Ragini Vechman,  
KISHORE PALLAPOTHU, a/k/a Krishna Kishore, and  
TULIP 26 HAYWARD LLC,

did knowingly make and cause to be made false statements, and did knowingly submit and cause to be

submitted false and fraudulent documents, falsely representing the sources of the funds for the down payment as well as the sources of income in loan applications, for the purpose of influencing the actions of Chase Bank, a financial institution insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and did aid and abet in the same, in connection with the purchase of the property located at 280 Flint Ct, San Lorenzo, California.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1014.

COUNT 39: (18 U.S.C. § 1014 – Loan Fraud)

67. The factual allegations of paragraphs 1 through 39 are realleged as if fully set forth herein.

68. In or about November 2013, in the Northern District of California and elsewhere, the defendants,

RAGINI VECHAM a/k/a/ Ragini Vechman,  
KISHORE PALLAPOTHU, a/k/a Krishna Kishore, and  
LILY 20 HAYWARD LLC,

did knowingly make and cause to be made false statements, and did knowingly submit and cause to be submitted false and fraudulent documents, falsely representing the sources of the funds for the down payment as well as the sources of income in loan applications, for the purpose of influencing the actions of Chase Bank, a financial institution insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and did aid and abet in the same, in connection with the purchase of the property located at 27405 Manon, Hayward, California.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1014.

FORFEITURE ALLEGATION: (18 U.S.C. §§ 981(a)(1)(A), 981(a)(1)(C), 982(a)(2), 982(a)(6)(A)(ii), and 28 U.S.C. §2461(c) – Criminal Forfeiture)

69. The factual allegations of paragraphs 1 through 68 are realleged as if fully set forth herein.

70. Upon conviction of an offense set forth in Counts 1 through 14 of this Indictment, a violation of Section 1546(a) or conspiracy to violate the same, the defendants,

RAGINI VECHAM a/k/a/ Ragini Vechman,  
KISHORE PALLAPOTHU, a/k/a Krishna Kishore,  
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 ROSE 23 HAYWARD LLC,  
 SAGE 20 HAYWARD LLC,  
 JASMINE 20 HAYWARD LLC,  
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 LILY 20 HAYWARD LLC,

shall forfeit to the United States, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 982(a)(6)(A)(ii), any property, real or personal (I) that constitutes, or is derived from or is traceable to the proceeds obtained directly or indirectly from the commission of the offense of conviction; or (II) that is used to facilitate, or is intended to be used to facilitate, the commission of the offense of conviction. The property to be forfeited includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- a. a sum of money equal to the total value of proceeds and property used, or intended to be used, to commit or to facilitate the commission of the said offense;
- b. the real property and improvements located at 10576 Johnson Avenue, Cupertino CA 95014 (APN 375-28-032);
- c. the real property and improvements located at 29125 Dixon Street, Hayward, CA 94544 (APN 078C-0433-001-06);
- d. the real property and improvements located at 27331-27371 Manon Ave, Hayward CA 94544 (APNs 453-0060-015-04, -05, -06, -07, -08, -10, -13, -15, 453-0060-016-03, -04, -05, -6, -08, -10);
- e. the real property and improvements located at 27405 Manon Ave, Hayward, CA 94544 (APN 453-0060-017-10);
- f. the real property and improvements located at 27435 Manon Ave, Hayward, CA 94544 (APN 453-0060-018-10);
- g. the real property and improvements located at 280 Flint Ct, San Lorenzo, CA 94580 (APN 429-0068-013-04).

71. Upon conviction of an offense set forth in Counts 1, 15 through 27, and 34 of this Indictment, in violation of Sections 1341 and 1343, or conspiracy to violate the same, the defendants,

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shall forfeit to the United States, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 981(a)(1)(C) and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c), any property, real or personal that constitutes, or is derived from or is traceable to the proceeds obtained directly or indirectly from the commission of the offense of conviction. The property to be forfeited includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- a. a sum of money equal to the total value of proceeds obtained directly or indirectly from the commission of the offense of conviction;
- b. the real property and improvements located at 10576 Johnson Avenue, Cupertino CA 95014 (APN 375-28-032);
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72. Upon conviction of an offense set forth in Counts 32 through 33 and 37 through 39 of this Indictment, a violation of Section 1014, or conspiracy to violate the same, the defendants,

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shall forfeit to the United States, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 982(a)(2)(A), any property, real or personal, that constitutes, or is derived from or is traceable to the proceeds obtained directly or indirectly from the commission of the offense of conviction. The property to be forfeited includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- a. a sum of money equal to the total value of proceeds obtained directly or indirectly from the commission of the offense of conviction;
- b. the real property and improvements located at 10576 Johnson Avenue, Cupertino CA 95014 (APN 375-28-032);
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- g. the real property and improvements located at 280 Flint Ct, San Lorenzo, CA 94580 (APN 429-0068-013-04).

73. If any of the property described above, as a result of an act or omission of the defendants:

- a. cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;
- b. has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third party;
- c. has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the court;
- d. has been substantially diminished in value; or
- e. has been commingled with other property which cannot be divided without difficulty,

1 the United States shall be entitled to forfeiture of substitute property pursuant to Title 21, United States  
2 Code, Section 853(p), as incorporated by Title 18, United States Code, Section 982(b)(1).

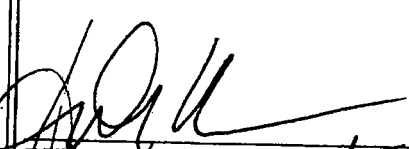
3 All pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Sections 981(a)(1)(A), 981(a)(1)(C), 982(a)(2)(A),  
4 982(a)(6), and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461.

5 DATED: 9/2/15

A TRUE BILL

  
FOREPERSON

8 BRIAN J. STRETCH  
9 Acting United States Attorney

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11 PHILIP A. GUENTERT  
12 Deputy Chief, Criminal Division

13 Approved as to form

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16 TIMOTHY J. LUCEY  
17 Assistant United States Attorney

**EXHIBIT B**

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

Real property in the City of Hayward, County of Alameda, State of California, described as follows:

**PARCEL 1:**

PORTION OF BLOCK "P", ANNEX TO MEEK ORCHARD TRACT, FILED MARCH 11, 1918, MAP BOOK 16, PAGE 59, ALAMEDA COUNTY RECORDS, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE SOUTHWESTERN LINE OF MANON AVENUE, DISTANT THEREON SOUTH 42° 01' EAST 389.68 FEET FROM THE POINT OF INTERSECTION THEREOF WITH THE SOUTHEASTERN LINE OF SHEPHERD AVENUE, FORMERLY EDEN ROAD, AS SAID AVENUE AND ROAD ARE SHOWN ON SAID MAP; RUNNING THENCE ALONG THE SAID LINE OF MANON AVENUE, SOUTH 42° 01' EAST 58.69 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 57° 09' WEST 110.64 FEET; THENCE NORTH 32° 51' WEST 57.94 FEET; THENCE NORTH 57° 09' EAST 101.29 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

**PARCEL 2:**

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BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE SOUTHWESTERN LINE OF MANON AVENUE, DISTANT THEREON SOUTH 42° 01' EAST 448.37 FEET FROM THE POINT OF INTERSECTION THEREOF WITH THE SOUTHEASTERN LINE OF SHEPHERD AVENUE, FORMERLY EDEN ROAD, AS SAID AVENUE AND ROAD ARE SHOWN ON SAID MAP; THENCE SOUTH 57° 09' WEST 110.64 FEET TO THE ACTUAL POINT OF COMMENCEMENT; THENCE CONTINUING SOUTH 57° 09' WEST 87.36 FEET; THENCE NORTH 32° 51' WEST 57.94 FEET; THENCE NORTH 57° 09' EAST 87.36 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 32° 51' EAST 57.94 FEET TO THE ACTUAL POINT OF COMMENCEMENT.

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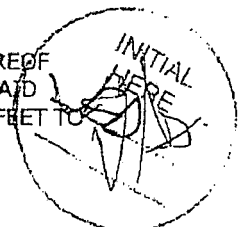
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THE ACTUAL POINT OF COMMENCEMENT; THENCE CONTINUING SOUTH 57° 09' WEST 93.37 FEET; THENCE NORTH 32° 51' WEST 57.94 FEET; THENCE NORTH 57° 09' EAST 93.37 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 32° 51' EAST 57.94 FEET TO THE ACTUAL POINT OF COMMENCEMENT.

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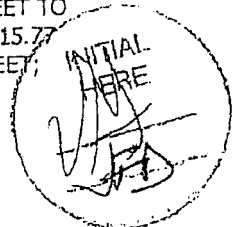
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